

Applications for the Des Moines Citizens Advisory Council Now Being Accepted

The City of Des Moines is now accepting applications for the recently established Citizens Advisory Council. Applications are available at the City's website: www.desmoineswa.gov; from City Clerk Bonnie Wilkins, bwilkins@desmoineswa.gov or 206-870-6519; or at these locations in Des Moines:

- Des Moines City Hall City Hall – 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite A
- Des Moines Police Department – 21900 11th Avenue South
- Des Moines Field House – 1000 South 220th Street
- Des Moines Activity Center – 2045 South 216th Street
- Des Moines Marina – 22307 Dock Avenue South
- Des Moines Library – 21620 11th Avenue South
- Woodmont Library – 26809 Pacific Highway South

The Des Moines City Council created the Citizens Advisory Council to allow citizens, neighborhoods, and businesses to engage as broadly as possible in the discussion and resolution of issues and concerns that directly affect them. The City Council feels that the Citizens Advisory Council will improve communication with and participation in local government on the part of residents, neighborhoods, business, and property owners in the City of Des Moines and create a more robust discussion of issues and matters facing the City, ultimately resulting in better decisions and solutions to problems.

The Citizens Advisory Council will have twelve members, one each from the City's nine neighborhoods, two business owners, and one Marina tenant. Neighborhood representatives must have lived in their neighborhoods for at least a year, business owners must have owned their businesses for at least one year, and the Marina tenant must have been a tenant for at least one year. There will also be one alternate for each neighborhood, one alternate business owner, and one alternate Marina tenant. Terms will be two years in length; except for the very first term, half of the members will be appointed to two year terms and the other half to one year terms in order to maintain continuity from one year to the next as membership turns over.

The responsibilities of the Citizens Advisory Council are generally to provide input to the City Council on issues facing the City and promote communication and participation in civic affairs. Specifically, the ordinance listed six primary duties:

- (1) Review and provide input to the City Council on matters and issues as delegated by the City Council.
- (2) Support and promote citizen participation and neighborhood enhancement.
- (3) Promote and facilitate open communication between the City, residents, businesses, and other neighborhood organizations such as Homeowner Associations, Block Watches, etc.

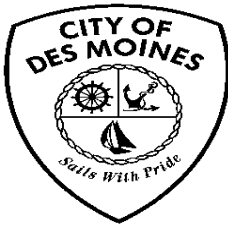
- (4) Review the City's budget and provide input to the City Council.
- (5) Provide input to the City Council in advance of its annual planning/goal setting retreat.
- (6) Bring matters and issues to the City Council that the Citizens Advisory Council believes require City Council attention.

Per the ordinance, the Citizens Advisory Council is required to meet at least three times per year, including a meeting to discuss the City's budget and once to create input for the City Council to consider in advance of its annual planning/goal setting retreat.

The Citizens Advisory Council will begin fulfilling its role this summer. The first matter for the Citizens Advisory Council to provide input to the City Council will be the process to select the City's next City Manager. Last January, City Manager Tony Piasecki announced his retirement. The Council has begun recruiting for a new City Manager that will culminate in a group of finalists taking part in an interview process on July 19th and 20th. On the evening of July 19th, there will be an open house for the community to meet the finalists. On July 20th, the finalists will be interviewed by several interview panels. The City Council wants the Citizens Advisory Council to attend the open house and serve as one of the interview panels.

In August the annual budget process will begin. The Council is scheduled to hold a budget retreat on Saturday, August 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Citizen Advisory Council members will be asked to attend this retreat to learn about the 2017 budget and to listen to the City Council's discussion. This will help the Citizen Advisory Council understand the budget issues facing the City as it discusses the budget and formulates the input it will provide to the City Council.

November is when the City Council conducts its annual goal setting retreat. For 2016, this is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. The Citizens Advisory Council will be expected to meet before October 29th to discuss thoughts and input to provide for the City Council's consideration at its goal setting retreat.



**CITY OF DES MOINES
APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

21630 11th Avenue South
Des Moines WA 98198

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
Cell: _____ Work: _____
Length of residence at the above address: _____
Do you: Own Rent (circle one)
E-Mail: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Neighborhood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | North Hill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | North Central |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pacific Ridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Central Des Moines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marina District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Zenith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | South Des Moines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodmont |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Redondo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marina Tenant |

Professional Background: _____

Why do you wish to serve in this capacity and what can you contribute? _____

Would you consider being an alternate: Yes No (circle one)

What Events and/or Committees have you served and/or participated in the past? _____

How do you communicate with your neighbors? _____

How often do you communicate with your neighbors? _____

What availability do you have to attend meetings per month/quarter? _____

What current issues are you most interested in? _____

